



Charitable Funding Sources Directory

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Subject: Charitable donations

I am pleased to present this directory of organizations that have the capability to accept charitable donations on the City's behalf. I decided to embark on this project after experiencing some frustration in helping a citizen locate the best possible destination for a potential donation. To my knowledge, this is the first time anyone has attempted to compile a comprehensive list such as this.

I appreciate the cooperation extended to my staff by the numerous City employees and non-profit organizations that were called upon for assistance during the course of this project.

If you notice any omissions of pertinent information, please let us know and we will make revisions in future versions of the directory. As always, feel free to contact my staff or me if you have questions or desire additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annise D. Parker".

Annise D. Parker
City Controller

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City of Houston Departments

Building Services

Director, Issa Dadoush: 713-247-2157

See Adopt-A-Fire-Station under the Fire Department.

Finance and Administration

Director, Judy Gray Johnson: 713-221-0125

The Houston Foundation

The foundation is not a 501 (c) (3). It can receive donations, but has not for a very long time. The foundation consists of the Hill Trust and the Bering Trust, both of which were established by will in the early 1900s. The City retains both the corpus and the earnings of the Hill Trust, but only the earnings of the Bering Trust. The Hill Trust is a general-purpose charity trust. The Bering Trust must be used to benefit the elderly. The foundation's board usually designates that the money be used for a specific purpose, such as the purchase of medical supplies or to fund Meals on Wheels, rather than for general administration or staff salaries. F & A provides administrative support to the foundation and its board.

The Battaglia Fund

The fund is not a 501 (c) (3) and does not receive donations. The fund was created upon the death of its namesake about 80 years ago. The will requires that the royalty earnings, about \$120 thousand to \$200 thousand annually, be distributed to a charity. Currently, the City has a contract with and distributes all of the fund's annual earnings to the Houston Area Women's Center. The women's center has held the contract since the 1980s. F & A receives the royalty checks and distributes the funds to the women's center.

Fire Department

Fire Chief, Phil Boriskie: 713-247-5000

Adopt-a-Fire-Station

The Adopt-A-Fire Station Program was created to give citizens as well as civic, professional and business groups a formal vehicle by which they may make tangible donations to the fire stations of their choice. This program, which is managed by both the Fire Department and Building Services Department, serves as a supplement to the City's ongoing fire station maintenance program. Donations of materials or services are accepted. Cash donations are not allowed. Contact Felicia Williams in the Building Services Department at 713-437-6506 or the Fire Department at 713-247-8793.

Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association

The association is a 501 (c) (3). It accepts cash donations on behalf of the fire department as well as goods and services to help underwrite the annual Valor Awards program honoring special acts of courage by firefighters. Contact Ruth Christian at 281-476-1501 ext. 1617.

MediLife

MediLife, a 501 (c) (3), was founded in 1990 for the express purpose of improving and continually enhancing the quality of pre-hospital emergency care. MediLife accepts cash or equipment donations on behalf of the fire department or EMS. In the past, the organization has raised money for EKG monitors, defibrillators, First Responder equipment and other medical supplies. Contact: David Almaguer, 713-495-4213 or Glenn Hastings, 281-444-2886.

Houston Fire Museum

The fire museum is a 501 (c) (3), which used to raise money for the purchase of equipment and supplies for the fire department. This stopped with the implementation of Adopt-a-Fire-House. Action by the museum's board would be required to resume the former practice of accepting donations for HFD. Contact Emily Ponte at 713-524-2526.

Health Department

Director, Stephen Williams: 713-798-0848

Houston-Harris County Immunization Registry Development Group

Houston-Harris County Immunization Registry (HHCIR) Development Group is a 501 (c) (3) organization that seeks to ensure that all children in the greater Houston area are protected from vaccine preventable diseases. The Development group is composed of ten board members representing a mixture of local public agencies and private companies and organizations. This level of cross-sectional representation and participation provides greater community involvement and support for registry efforts in Houston and Harris County. All funds raised by this organization are used solely for the Houston-Harris County Immunization Registry. The major functions of the HHCIR Development Group are: To raise funding support for HHCIR, communicate with the public, provide a forum for community input, provide counsel and guidance on policy issues and affect policy implementation and to raise awareness of the importance of timely immunizations. The Development Group's Executive Director is Jeri Nordbrock. She can be reached at 713-622-4424.

Friends of BARC

Friends of BARC is a 501 (c) (3) corporation that supports the humane care and treatment of the animals in the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC). Volunteers staff off site adoption programs at four area Petsmart stores every Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The corporation provides food for the kittens, puppies, cats and dogs in the City's adoption program. It also funds the purchase of medications, test kits and other veterinary supplies. Friends of BARC also educates the community about the importance of spaying and neutering and supports spay and neuter programs. Visit www.friendsofbarc.org. Address: 1776 Yorktown, Suite 515, Houston, TX 77056

Acres Home MSC Advisory Council

The advisory council sponsors and funds events and programs held at the multi-service center. It is a 501 (c) (3). Contact Catherine Dorsey at 281-447-0194. Address: 6719 W. Montgomery, Houston, TX 77091

Metropolitan MSC Disability Council

The disability council sponsors and funds events and programs held at the multi-service center. It is a 501 (c) (3). Contact Catherine Gleitz at 713-524-7265. Address: 1475 W. Gray, Houston, TX 77079

Housing and Community Development

Director, Milton Wilson: 713-868-8300

SPARK Program

The city-sponsored school park program is funded through federal dollars received by the City's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as well as monetary, in-kind and equipment donations from the private sector. SPARK also accepts donations to help (HCD) defer the costs of events associated with National Community Development Week. SPARK is a 501 (c) (3). Contact Kathleen Ownby at 713-247-2909.

Houston Police Department

Chief of Police, Harold L. Hurtt: 713-308-1600

The Police Special Services Fund 205

This fund includes reimbursements to HPD from other agencies or organizations for costs associated with overtime, supplies, services and equipment. This fund also administers grants and other funds restricted for a specific law enforcement purpose. Restricted funds are monies paid directly to the department by the State. Donations are also deposited into this fund and are used to purchase animals or police equipment (e.g., bikes or bike parts) and help defray the costs of the annual Civilian Conference. Contact Rosalie Brillon, Management Analyst IV at 713-308-1755.

Multi-Cultural Community Institute In Search of Understanding (M.C.C.I.S.U)

The M.C.C.I.S.U is a 501 (c) (3) and is not a part of HPD; however, the board of directors is currently comprised of HPD employees. Donations are used to support programs or projects of the Public Affairs Division – Community Outreach Unit (e.g., the Grandparent’s Luncheon). HPD provides technical assistance as requested. Contact Tommie Allen, Administrative Manager at 713-308-3288.

Houston Police Foundation Fund

The Houston Police Foundation Fund is a 501 (c) (3) organization with a Board of Directors comprised of private citizens. The Houston Police Foundation Fund will provide HPD with funding for various law enforcement programs and initiatives. Contact Glenn Juenke, Police Officer (temporary contact) at 713-308-9151.

The following four entries are often associated with the police department but the City obtains no financial benefit from them.

The Blue Santa Program

This is a 501 (c) (3) program with a board of directors comprised of Houston Police Department employees. HPD does not manage this fund. The board members are responsible for the administration of all financial transactions. Monetary donations are received from various sources such as private citizens/corporations, the Combined Municipal Campaign Fundraiser and from payroll deductions of participating City of Houston employees. Funds are used strictly for the purchase of toys to be distributed to disadvantaged children during the Christmas holiday season. Contact: Officer Fred Pyland at 281-924-3004 Address: Southeast Division, 8300 Mykawa, Houston, TX 77048

Crime Stoppers

The Crime Stoppers program is a 501 (c) (3) program with a board of directors consisting of private citizens. The Houston Police Department does not administer the financial activities of the Crime Stoppers program. Crime Stoppers pays citizens for tips leading to the arrest and conviction of suspects involved in the commission of felony crimes. Contact: Kim Ogg Telephone: 713-521-4600 Address: P.O. Box 54165, Houston, TX 77254-1654

Women In Law Enforcement (WILE)

WILE is a 501 (c) (3). The WILE Board of Directors currently consists of Houston Police Department employees. It is a local group of women in the law enforcement profession. This is not an HPD managed fund. Monetary donations are deposited into the organization's financial account, and all disbursements require the signature of two board members. Monies donated to this program are strictly used for expenses relating to the WILE conference. The conference is held annually in the month of April. HPD provides technical assistance as requested. Contact: Sergeant Rose Terry, 713-308-3206 Address: Public Affairs Division, 1200 Travis, 21st floor, Houston, TX 77002

The 100 Club

The 100 Club is a 501 (c) (3) organization. The Houston Police Department does not receive monetary donations from The 100 Club. The 100 Club donates equipment based on written requests from the Chief of Police. The club has purchased safety equipment such as body armor and provides funds for training and education. The 100 Club also provides financial assistance to officers injured or killed in the line of duty and their families. Contact Richard A. Hartley at 713-952-0100.

Houston Public Library

Director Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson 832-939-1300

The Houston Library Board

The board solicits funds, gifts, and bequests for library acquisitions, additions and improvements. It also reviews and offers advisory recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on the acceptance of gifts of real estate, art objects, and items of similar nature. It has 170 (c) (1) status, which is similar to a 501 (c) (3) in that it allows any donations to be tax deductible. For more information, contact Board Chairman, Dr. Fred Aguilar III at 713-797-0085 or the Houston Public Library at 832-393-1332.

Friends of Houston Public Library

The Friends is a 501 (c) (3). It was founded 49 years ago as a way to provide support and additional financial resources to the Houston Public Library. Over the years, The Friends has provided to the Houston Public Library funding, initiative and volunteer help for major collections of art books, a film library and a circulating collection of art reproductions. The Friends also participates in the Library Employee Recognition program honoring excellence in the staff that serves the library system. Scholarships are offered for the HPL staff pursuing a Master of Library Science degree. The highlight of the Friends' fundraising year is the Annual Book sale. Contact The Friends at 832-393-1387 or www.friendsofhpl.org.

Clayton Library Friends

Clayton Library Friends (CLF) was founded in 1987 by a group of individuals interested in enhancing the collection and in expanding the facilities and services of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. CLF is a tax-exempt, non-profit entity organized under IRS Code 501(c) (3) and, in accordance with the CLF Bylaws is administered by the CLF Executive Board made up of individuals who are elected by the membership and who serve without compensation. 100% of the funds raised by CLF go for the acquisition of books, microfilm, CD-ROM publications, and periodicals for Clayton Library or for the improvement and expansion of library facilities. Address: Clayton Library Friends, P. O. Box 271078, Houston, Texas 77277-1078 or www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton.clf

Friends of Neighborhood Libraries

This 501 (c) (3) group raised over \$1 million and purchased the property adjoining the current Looscan Branch Library at 2510 Willowick. The City will use the property for construction of a new Looscan Branch Library. Contact Bonnie Brooks, 3650 Wickersham, Houston, Texas 77027

Friends of the Texas Room

The organization accepts monetary donations to help support the operation of the Texas Room. It also provides volunteers. The organization has 501 (c) (3) status. Contact Dorothy Knox Houghton, 4019 Inverness, Houston, Texas 77019

Human Resources

Director, Lonnie Vara: 713-837-9330

Combined Municipal Campaign

This is the City's annual fundraising campaign, benefiting 13 federations and over 100 independent charities, many of which are 501 (c) (3) organizations. Employees participate by making cash donations or through payroll deductions. 4% of the donations are set aside to cover the City's administrative costs of the CMC. Last year's CMC raised \$647,565.

Mayor's Office

Mayor Bill White 713-247-2200

Mayor's Office of Special Events

The special events group has one account with the Houston Parks Board, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization affiliated with the Parks and Recreation Department. This account receives funds generated through the sale of concessions and admissions from various City-sponsored events. The funds are then dispersed to pay for city events, which are not underwritten by private sponsors. Examples of these types of events are the Veterans Day observance, the Mayor's Holiday Celebration and victory celebrations for Houston's various sports teams. Contact Susan Christian at 713-437-6367.

Special Events has another account with the Central Houston Civic Improvement (CHCI), a separate 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization under the umbrella of Central Houston. This account receives and disperses sponsor donations for the City's annual July 4th celebration. Contact Susan Christian at 713-437-6367.

Mayor's Discretionary Fund

Each year the City contributes 19% of its hotel occupancy tax revenue to the Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County (CACHH), a 501 (c) (3). 2.5% of CACHH's annual appropriation from the City is set aside to be used at the Mayor's discretion. This discretionary fund is supposed to be used to quickly fund projects that have not been budgeted through CACHH's annual grant-review process. Requests for these funds can be directed to Mayor White's Chief of Staff, Michael Moore at 713-247-1530.

Parks and Recreation Department

Director, Joe Turner: 713-845-1101

Houston Parks Board

Established as a 501 (c) (3). The board serves as a clearinghouse for donations raised by numerous nonprofit groups, accepting the dollars and ensuring the money is spent for designated purposes. Donations are used to fund capital projects and land acquisition. The main number is 713-942-8500. The board's Director Roksan Okan-Vick can be reached at 713-942-8500. Parks Dept. employee Shirley Johnson serves as the City's liaison to the board. Her number is 713-845-8034. Address: 2001 Kirby Drive, Suite 814, Houston, TX 77019 Email: info@hpbinc.org

Downtown Park Conservancy

The Conservancy is a 501 (c) (3). It is made up of a group of philanthropic institutions to provide and raise money for the park. The group includes The Brown Foundation, The Cullen Foundation, Houston Endowment Inc., The Kinder Foundation, and The Wortham Foundation, Inc. The Conservancy has teamed up with the city's Houston Downtown Park Corporation on the design, construction and operation of the "Super Block" park. They will also ensure focused attention on the park's unique blend of green space, compatible development, programmed activity and coordination with convention facilities; the city-controlled corporation will own the park on behalf of the city. Contact: Peggy Menchaca. Address: Houston Downtown Conservancy, 2217 Welch, Houston, TX 77019 Telephone: 713-333-1161

Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Ball field, Adopt-an-Esplanade

These programs allow community groups, such as sports leagues, civic organizations and corporate partners to tend to neighborhood parks, ball fields and esplanades on multiple levels. Most groups adopt parks for beautification purposes, such as planting trees and other vegetation, and for keeping grounds manicured. A small few choose to add amenities. More than 1,000 organizations are currently participating in these programs. City approval of projects and a signed contract with a commitment for at least one year is required. Contact Kathy Cochran at 713-845-1117.

Bayou Preservation Association

The Bayou Preservation Association is a citizens' group whose mission is to protect and restore the richness and diversity of our waterways. BPA facilitates collaborative projects and public awareness about the region's streams and bayous in order to foster watershed management, conservation, and recreation along Houston's defining natural resource. The organization sponsors tree plantings and is very involved in improving the areas along the bayous. It is a 501 (c) (3). Mary Ellen Whitworth is the group's executive director. Address: Bayou Preservation Association, P.O. Box 131563, Houston, Texas 77219-1563 Telephone: 713.529.6443 Fax: 713-529-6481 email: bpa@bayoupreservation.org

Buffalo Bayou Partnership

The Buffalo Bayou Partnership is a coalition of civic, environmental, governmental and business representatives whose director nominees are confirmed by the Mayor of Houston and Harris County Judge. This 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation is responsible for developing and facilitating improvements to the Buffalo Bayou greenway system. Contact Anne Olson at 713-752-0314. Address: Buffalo Bayou Preservation, 1113 Vine Street, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77002 Telephone: 713-752-0314 Fax: 713-223-3500 Web Site: www.buffalobayou.org

Friends of Ervan Chew Park

This group is established as a 501 (c) (3). The group has contributed money for sidewalk replacement, landscaping, installation of a flagpole, infield conditioning and materials to replace benches in the dugouts. About \$7,000 was raised for the Ervan Chew Dog Park. Friends of Ervan Chew Park President Sue Lovell can be reached at 713-502-6756.

Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association

The Association, a 501 (c) (3), works with the City to create and maintain the greater Houston area off road bike trails. The association's contribution comes in the form of volunteer hours and trail building material donations. President, Michael Lutomski may be reached at (713) 942-7300. Address: GHORBA, P.O. Box 667607, Houston, Texas 77266-7607.

Greater Houston Partnership/Quality of Life Coalition

The Quality of Life Coalition is an umbrella organization of the partnership, representing more than 75 endorsing organizations. The Coalition does a lot of work with the parks department but it is not a 501(c) (3) and therefore unable to accept charitable contributions on the City's behalf. The organization serves to address concerns that affect the quality of life in the Houston region. Address: 200 Smith, Suite 700, Houston, TX 77002-4400 Telephone: 713-844-3600 Fax: 713-844-0200 E-mail: ghp@houston.org. Web Site: www.houston.org

Heritage Society

The Heritage Society is established as a 501 (c) (3). Its mission is to preserve the complete history of the community and region through preservation and restoration of historic structures, exhibition of historical artifacts and presentation of education programs which focus on Houston and Harris County's diverse past and its relationship to the present and future. The Heritage society donates cash and in-kind contributions as well as volunteer hours. Address: 1 Heritage Society, 1100 Bagby Street, Houston, TX 77002 Telephone: 713-655-1912 Web Site: www.heritagesociety.org

Hermann Park Conservancy (formerly Friends of Hermann Park)

HPC, a 501 (c) (3), funds and manages the design of projects to be undertaken in Hermann Park, and then shares the construction costs of these projects with the City. In the last five years, under this award-winning partnership, HPC and the city have spent over \$29 million restoring Hermann Park. Hermann Park Conservancy Director, Doreen Stoller may be reached at 713-524-5876 Ext. 331. Address: Old Clubhouse at Hermann Park, 6201 A Golf Course Drive, Houston, TX 77030 Fax: 713-524-5887

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center

The Houston Arboretum and Nature Center is managed by the HANC Board of Directors and staff under an agreement with the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department. The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center is a private, 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to environmental science education for inner-city children. HANC depends upon private contributions and donations of funds, pertinent goods and materials, and volunteer services. Address: Houston Arboretum and Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Drive, Houston, Texas 77024-7708 Telephone: 713.681.8433 Fax: 713.681.1191 Email: arbor@houstonarboretum.org Web Site: houstonarboretum.org

Houston Area Road Runners Association

The Houston Area Road Runners Association is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) association founded in 1993 to promote running as a competitive sport and a healthful exercise in the Houston area. HARRA raises funds for park trails through its annual Bayou City Classic run. The group also provides a wide variety of benefits and services to its members and to the running community, and provides a collective voice on issues that affect all runners in the Houston area. HARRA President Steven Shepherd may be reached at 281-493-3578. Address: Houston Area Road Runners Association, P O Box 572497, Houston, TX 77257. Telephone: 713-797-8602. Email: harraprez@aol.com. Web Site: www.harra.org

Houston Zoo Development Corporation/Houston Zoo Inc.

The Houston Zoo Development Corporation is the local government development corporation that is under contract from the City to manage and operate the zoo. The corporation itself does not accept donations. However, Houston Zoo Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) that does accept donations on behalf of the zoo strictly for zoo purposes. Zoo Friends is a separate 501 (c) (3). It raises money for capital projects at the zoo.

Memorial Park Conservancy

The conservancy is established as a 501 (c) (3). Funds are used to help with implementation of park master plan. Chairman, Claire Caudill; Executive Director, Peter Tyler Contact the Houston Parks Board, Attn: Memorial Park Conservancy, 2001 Kirby Drive, Suite 814, Houston, TX 77019

Miller Theatre Advisory Board

Established as a 501 (c) (3), the Miller Theatre Advisory Board administers grants to organizations performing at Miller Outdoor Theatre, solicits donations to support the Theatre, and manages donations received. The board also manages the contract for Miller Theatre's Concession operations. Proceeds from concession sales support Miller Outdoor Theatre's free season. Address: Miller Theatre Advisory Board, P. O. Box 66267, Houston, TX 77266 Phone: 713-942-0651 Fax: 713-942-0863 Web address: www.milleroutdoortheater.com

Municipal Arts Commission

See Boards and Commissions section

The Park People

The Park People is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) citizens' organization dedicated to promoting the importance of parks and green space. It provides advocacy and services for the preservation, enhancement and expansion of parks in the Houston community. Executive Director, Glenda Barrett 713-942-7275. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 980863, Houston, TX 77098-0863

Trees for Houston

Trees For Houston is a volunteer non-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to the planting of trees along City streets. Since its incorporation in 1983, the organization has been responsible for the planting and monitoring of almost 178 thousand trees and seedlings. Executive Director, Kathy Lord may be reached at 713-840-8733 ext. 103 or by e-mail: kathy@treesforhouston.org

Parks Special Fund 491

Fund 491 receives an annual donation from the Allday Trust for the purpose of purchasing parkland.

Washington on Westcott Roundabout Initiative, Inc

Washington on Westcott (WOW) Roundabout Initiative, a 501 (c) (3), is working in public/private partnership with the City to implement the reconstruction and enhancement of the Washington - Wescott - Arnot confluence of streets into a gateway intersection to the Washington Avenue Corridor and Downtown. During the infrastructure construction phase of this project, the group's contribution to the City included real estate for expanded right-of-way, street pavers and paver installation. Additional fundraising is underway for the completion of park-like perimeter gardens and the central island. The plan includes landscaping, irrigation, enhanced lighting, pedestrian amenities and public art. WOW's contributions are expected to total \$1 million. Contact WOW President George Oser at P. O. Box 131834, Houston, TX. Phone: 713-869-4148. Web address: www.wowroundabout.org.

Planning and Development

Director, Marlene Gafrick: 713-837-7708

Neighborhood Conference Liability account (2371)

This account accepts donations from local businesses, corporations and foundations to help defray the costs of the annual Neighborhood Connections and Neighborhood USA Conferences (NUSA). Contact Roger Hamilton (713-837-7749) or Marcia Wilson (713-837-7732) in the Planning Department

Public Works and Engineering Department

Director, Michael S. Marcotte: 713-837-0037

The W. A.T. E. R. Fund

This program is designed to help needy senior citizens pay their monthly water bills. It is funded entirely through voluntary donations from customers, charities, and businesses. The fund is not a 501 (c) (3) as defined by the Internal Revenue Service Code.

The following city departments have no mechanism for accepting charitable funds.

Aviation Department

Convention and Entertainment Facilities Department

Office of the City Controller

Information Technology Department

Office of the City Secretary

Legal Department

Municipal Courts Administration

Solid Waste Department

Boards and Commissions

Houston Parks Board

(The parks board is listed under the Houston Parks Department)

Gulf Coast Community Services

Gulf Coast Community Services is a 501 (c) (3). It is willing to accept donations on the City's behalf, but has not had occasion to do so previously. Donations are accepted for projects/materials related to its mission: the provision of temporary housing, food to families and individuals, clothing for children, school supplies, counseling on homes, and a pre-school program which serves the Southeast part of the city.

Housing Authority of the City of Houston

Can accept donations through an affiliated 501 (c) (3), Houston Housing Resource and Company, and is willing to accept donations on behalf of the City for uses designated by the donor. The 501 (c) (3) was set up to accept donations for programs and issues related to the Housing Authority and its public housing clients including supportive services like after school programs, health programs or landscaping at housing authority projects. To date no donations have been received by the Foundation.

Houston Clean City Commission

The commission can and does accept donations on behalf of the City. The Commission is itself a 501 (c) (3). Donations are used to underwrite Keep Houston Beautiful Day and other cleanup and beautification programs, including volunteer incentives such as T-shirts, food, supplies, plants for gardening projects, teaching training manuals, educational programs and materials. The Commission's books are audited annually.

Houston Image Group

The Houston Image group, a division of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, is a 501 (c) (3). It serves as a pass through for funds raised by the City's annual birthday party and the Chocolate Bayou Festival. The 2003 birthday party generated money to help fund construction of a dog park at the City's Maxey Park. The Image Group also occasionally accepts donations to help defray the costs of events it sponsors. Contact Jordy Tollett, 713-437-5202.

Houston-Galveston Area Council

H-GAC has a 501 (c) (3), the Corporation for Regional Excellence, to which anyone may channel donations for any legal purpose. Donations on behalf of the City could be made to it and used for city designated projects, materials, etc. H-GAC also has a 501 (c) (3) for donations related to economic development, the Gulf Coast Economic Development District. Donations to that entity are restricted to economic development purposes. There have been few donations to the Corporation to date. The H-GAC finance department tracks the money. Contact Mary Swain

Houston Municipal Art Foundation

The Houston Municipal Art Foundation (HMAF) was chartered by the State of Texas, December 30, 1965 and received its 501(c) (3) IRS tax status shortly thereafter. It was chartered by the Houston Municipal Art Commission, and its Board of Directors and officers are the same as the Commission. This foundation basically serves to receive and administer the 10% endowment that must accompany any donated works of art to the City's art collection. This money is restricted to expenses related to the preservation of the art collection. In addition to administering the 10% endowment, HMAF has the authority to solicit and accept monies and gifts of art.

Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority

As a creature of the City, it is assumed that LARA has the same ability to accept donations that the City has; however, the donations would have to be limited to LARA's purpose, which is to acquire foreclosed property in the 3rd and 5th Wards. The issue of accepting donations has never arisen in LARA's brief existence and there is no active gift program; no donations have ever been received.

The Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County

The Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County (CACHH) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The council is funded through the city's hotel taxes, receiving 39% of the portion of the tax revenue set aside for the arts. CACHH's mission is to nurture, fund and promote participation in the arts in Houston and Harris County by providing financial support, technical assistance and specialized services to artists, arts and civic organization, and public institutions. The organization is governed by a volunteer board of directors elected through an annual nominating process, with two members appointed by the Houston Mayor and the Harris County Judge.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones/Redevelopment Authorities/Management Districts

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ)

TIRZs are created by City Council. While they have boards that the City may delegate broad powers to, they do not operate financially independent of the City. Any donations to a TIRZ would go into the TIRZ's tax increment fund, which is in the City's treasury. In other words, it is the same as donating to the City. By law, however, these donations would have to be used for TIRZ projects pursuant to the TIRZ Project & Financing Plan.

Redevelopment Authorities

Redevelopment Authorities are public non-profit local government corporations that serve as the administrative branches of TIRZs. Many are also exempt from federal taxation under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a result, donations to a redevelopment authority might be considered tax deductible. Redevelopment Authorities are independent corporations, and, thus, may spend or utilize donations in accordance with the powers granted in their Articles of Incorporation. Some Authorities have been awarded grants to leverage project costs identified in TIRZ Project & Financing Plans. Redevelopment authorities that have their 501 (c) (3) status include Midtown, Main/St. Market Square, OST/Alameda Corridors, Gulfgate, and Greater Greenspoint.

Management Districts

Management Districts are political subdivisions of the state. They have the same tax-exempt status as the City. Thus, they may accept charitable donations, but, not on the City's behalf. Some are also affiliated with 501 (c) 3s through which they channel donations. For instance, Central Houston Civic Improvement Inc., a 501 (c) (3) affiliated with the Downtown Management District, has accepted donations to help support HPD's Mounted Patrol and horse barn, Sesquicentennial Park and Main Street Square. The City provided the land; the donations through Central Houston funded the capital improvements and then Central Houston donated the improvements to the City. In another instance, donations funneled through a 501 (c) (3) affiliated with the Upper Kirby Management District were used to pay for improvements at the City's Levy Park. The management district's 501 (c) (3) accepted the donations and then turned the money over to the Houston Parks Board, which paid for the improvements. Unlike TIRZs and redevelopment authorities, management districts can fund operational costs. Typically, they are funded through assessments on commercial properties within the district; however, in some cases residential properties are assessed.

CITY OF HOUSTON
TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONES/REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

No.	Name	Creation	TIRZ Administrator	City Liaison	Redev. Auth./ Automatic Appointment	Other Taxing Units
1	St. George Place/ Lamar Terrace (and PID)	Petition	Hawes Hill Calderon 713-541-0447	Julia Gee 713-837-7828	Yes, No	County, HISD
2	Midtown	Petition	Charles LeBlanc 713-526-7577	Eric Laube 713-837-7847	Yes, No	County, HISD
3	Main Street/ Market Square	City Initiative	Vickie Rivers 713-650-3830	Gayatri Anoo 713-837-7759	Yes, Yes	County, HISD
4	Village Enclaves	Petition	Hawes Hill Calderon 713-541-0447	Mina Gerall 713-837-7858	No	HISD
5	Memorial Heights (and PID)	City Initiative	Knudsen 713-463-8200	Bala Balachandran 713-837-7839	Yes, No	HISD
6	Eastside	City Initiative	Hawes Hill Calderon 713-541-0447	Rene Martinez 713-837-7970	No	HISD
7	OST/Almeda	City Initiative	Theola Petteway 713-522-5154	Donald Perkins 713-837-7803	Yes, No	County, HISD
8	Gulfgate	City Initiative	Knudsen 713-463-8200	Rene Martinez 713-837-7970	Yes, No	County, HISD
9	South Post Oak	Petition	Knudsen 713-463-8200	Kelton Sams 713-837-7808	Yes, Yes	County, HISD
10	Lake Houston	City Initiative	Hawes Hill Calderon 713-541-0447	Jason Jeffries 713-837-7813	Yes, Yes	County, Humble ISD
11	Greater Greenspoint	City Initiative	Sally Bradford 281-874-2143	Bala Balachandran 713-837-7839	Yes, Yes	County, NHMCCD, Aldine ISD, Spring ISD
12	City Park	City Initiative	Hawes Hill Calderon 713-541-0447	Eric Laube 713-837-7847	Yes, Yes	HISD
13	Old Sixth Ward	Petition	Parke Patterson 281-313-0995	Victoria Herrin 713-837-7804	Yes, Yes	County, HISD
14	Fourth Ward	Petition	Vanessa Sampson 713-526-6404	Shannon Teasley 713-837-7978	Yes, Yes	HISD
15	East Downtown	City Initiative	Hawes Hill Calderon 713-541-0447	Gayatri Anoo 713-837-7759	Yes, Yes	HISD
16	Uptown	Petition	John Breeding 713-621-2011	Julia Gee 713-837-7828	Yes, Yes	HISD
17	Memorial City	City Initiative	Knudsen 713-463-8200	Jason Jeffries 713-837-7813	Yes, Yes	
18	Fifth Ward	City Initiative	Hawes Hill Calderon 713-541-0447	Kelton Sams 713-837-7808	Yes, Yes	HISD
19	Upper Kirby	City Initiative	Jamie Brewster 713-524-8000	Kelton Sams 713-837-7808	Yes, Yes	HISD
20	Southwest Houston (and PID)	City Initiative	Hawes Hill Calderon 713-541-0447	Bala Balachandran 713-837-7839	Yes, Yes	
21	Hardy Place	City Initiative	Knudsen 713-463-8200	Kelton Sams 713-837-7808	No	
22	Leland Woods	City Initiative	Parke Patterson 281-313-0995	Matt Dease 713-837-7815	No	

HOUSTON AREA MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

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Aldine Community Improvement District	Mgt. Dist.	David Hawes, Hawes, Hill and Associates	dhawes@hhcllp.com (713)541-0447	
Spring Branch Improvement District	Mgt. Dist.	David Hawes, Hawes, Hill and Associates	dhawes@hhcllp.com (713)541-0447	No
East Downtown Management District	Mgt. Dist.	David Hawes, Hawes, Hill and Associates	dhawes@hhcllp.com (713)541-0447	TIRZ 6
Greater East End Management District	Mgt. Dist.	Mary Margaret Hansen	mmhansen@greatereastend.com (713)928-9916	No
Greater Greenspoint Management District	Mgt. Dist.	Jack Drake	jdrake@greenspoint.org (281)874-2131	TIRZ 11
Greater Northside Management District	Mgt. Dist.	c/o: Jeanne McDonald (McDonald & Sechrist Atty. at Law)	jhmcdonald@jhmlaw.net (281)313-2213	
Greater Southeast Management District (Third Ward)	Mgt. Dist.	Damon Williams	gsmdistrict@swbell.net (713)942-0500	TIRZ 7
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Harris County Improvement District No. 3 (Upper Kirby District)	Mgt. Dist.	Jamie Brewster	jamie@upperkirby.org (713)524-8000	TIRZ 19
Harris County Improvement District No.4 (Energy Corridor)	Mgt. Dist.	Clark Martinson	cmartinson@energycorridor.org (281)759-3800	No
Harris County Municipal Mgmt District No. 1 (Memorial City)	Mgt. Dist.	Robert Fiederlein	rfiederlein@sbcglobal.net (713)816-5413	TIRZ 17

Houston Downtown Management District	Mgt. Dist.	Bob Eury	bob@centralhouston.org (713)650-3022	TIRZ 3
Midtown Municipal Management District	Mgt. Dist.	Charles LeBlanc	charlesl@houstonmidtown.com (713)526-7577	TIRZ 2
Near Northwest Management District	Mgt. Dist.	c/o: Terry Sechrist (McDonald & Sechrist Atty. at Law)	tsechrist@mcdonaldsechrist.com	
Westchase Management District	Mgt. Dist.	Jim Murphy	jmurphy@westchasedistrict.com	No
Woodlands Town Center Improvement District	SPD (Special Purpose District)	Frank Robinson, President; Anjanette Sauers, Accounting/HR Manager	frank@tcid.com	N/A